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WITH this issue we inaugurate a department detailing the news of Party activities as a regular feature of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST. Hereafter co-ordinated reports of the work of Party Branches and the membership, together with comment by the Provisional National Secretary will appear monthly.

Due to lack of space we are reporting this month only on the work carried on in New York and Chicago. Other points will be covered next month.

NEW YORK

By direction of the Emergency National Convention, the Executive Committee has consolidated the former Branches Bronx and Brooklyn into one unit to be known as Branch New York in order to conduct work in the metropolitan area in a more co-ordinated manner.

During the past winter a series of lectures was held in Party headquarters and a study class in scientfic Socialism was conducted by Comrade Barney Robbins. As a result of these activities a number of new members have been acquired since the first of the year with good prospects for several additional members as we swing in to the open air campaign. One of our new members is a disillusioned former Stalinist who became disgusted with the Popular Front nonsense and the general reformism of the C. P. This member was contacted by the Trotskyist S. W. P. who made a determined effort to recruit him into their ranks. He decided, however, that De Leonism is the correct program for the United States and came into the I. U. P.

This little incident goes to prove, if any proof were necessary, that a program of living, dynamic DeLeonism can hold its own against all comers, and is capable of winning the alert, awakening, militant workers who are becoming fed up with the idea of applying in the United States a bureaucratic dictatorship of a political party over the workers, whether that dictatorship be of the Stalinist or the Trotskyist pattern.

The Branch received the May issue of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST enthusiastically and is rapidly disposing of its bundle order of 200 copies. As soon as the open air season gets into full swing the literature agent expects to increase this order. A number of new subscriptions have been turned in by Branch members, and the Branch Executive Committee has formulated plans to carry on the Branch's part in the subscription drive for the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST which has just been launched. The Branch E. C. has pledged to secure even more than the quota of 100 new subs which has been set for it. In addition to this, the Branch E. C. has recommended that the Branch pledge $50 to the Joint Publication Fund in addition to the individual pledges made by Branch members. A number of affairs and picnics are being arranged to secure funds.

All the members of the Branch are looking forward eagerly to a vigorous and successful open air campaign this summer. Already during May a number of meetings have been held, despite adverse weather conditions. The unseasonably cold weather has held down the attendance at some of our meetings, but a number of quite successful meetings have been held with fair sales of literature. The comrades are carrying on their work with enthusiasm and are confident that with the coming of warmer weather larger crowds will be attracted to our meetings and the names of many valuable contacts secured.

Considering that the question of war is the most important issue confronting the working class today, the Branch has taken the initiative in inviting working class organizations in Greater New York to a conference to arrange for a joint anti-capitalist anti-war demonstration on Memorial Day. With the "collective security" howlers competing in volume with the "isolationists," the working class position on the question of war has scarcely been heard. The projected meeting is designed to fill the burning need for a clear and outspoken expression of the workers' hatred for capitalist wars.

All in all, the Branch is carrying on its work at full speed, intent on proving with deeds as well as words that the

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Editorials . . .

DANGER AHEAD

Like a slow landslide that gathers momentum and finally is transformed into a death-dealing avalanche which smashes and buries everything in its path, the forces of capitalist reaction are gaining speed with each passing day and threaten, unless checked, to destroy the rights of the working class as well as its organizations, and to bury the workers of America in the horrors of fascism and war.

A fantastic exaggeration you say? Not so!

Beginning with the 1938 elections the trend has been unmistakable. In addition to the electoral gains of die-hard reactionary Republicans in various sections of the country, the Oregon Anti-Picketing Referendum was pushed through under the auspices of the fascist Associated Farmers.

In Chicago, Mayor Kelly, the New Deal Democrat under whose administration the massacre of South Chicago took place on Memorial Day, 1937, was re-elected with the support of the so-called liberals and the Stalinists.

The Supreme Court decision in the Fansteel case, outlawing the sitdown strike and refusing to enforce the rights of workers under the Wagner Act because they sat down, was quickly followed by the decision in the Apex Hosiery case in the Philadelphia Federal Court assessing damages against workers who sat down in an effort to prevent their employers from beating down their living standards. The Apex decision is being used as a weapon to force unions into bankruptcy. In New England a Teamsters Local is being sued for $900,000 and the Steel Workers' Union is being sued by the Notorious Girdler for $7,500,000.

The cuts in the relief appropriations which were sponsored by President Roosevelt in co-operation with the Congressional Economy Bloc, will make 5,000,000 people dependent on bankrupt local relief agencies for subsistence. Not content with this Congress has launched another veiled attack on the unemployed in the form of an investigation of the W.P.A. which is designed to discredit that agency as a "Communist-controlled" waster of taxpayers' money.

Numerous bills have been introduced in Congress and the State Legislatures which aim to deprive the workers of their hard-won rights. In Wisconsin, the Catlin Bill would make illegal a demand for the closed shop unless 75 per cent of the workers have voted in a closed ballot for the union. This means that the boss can stuff his shop with stooges and lickspittles under the guaranteed protection of the law. The bill also forbids demonstrations of workers' solidarity by prohibiting picketing, except by workers employed in the struck shop.

In various other states, proposals for teachers' loyalty oaths will let loose a reign of terror against teachers with independent ideas. In Congress, bills have been introduced which would set up concentration camps for "undesirable" aliens who cannot be deported to their native lands, thus deneying freedom of thought to refugees from European religious and political persecution. A proposal to admit 20,000 child refugees from Germany in excess of the immigration quoto for that country has been bitterly fought in Congress on the flimsiest of pretexts. Amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act have been advocated which

would turn it into a Labor Enslavement Act.

In New York State the newly-adopted budget makes deep cuts in the appropriation for educational facilities, which were previously inadequate. This is the signal for a widespread attack on education throughout the nation, for capitalism can no longer profitably use the culture and knowledge which our educational system has heretofore provided. The reactionary character of this move is made even clearer when it is recalled that with all the vaunted educational opportunities previously existing there are more than 4 million illiterates in the United States.

The Institute of Propaganda Analysis at Teachers College, Columbia University, has determined that more than 800 organizations claiming a total membership of over 6 million people, propagate fascism in the United States. Some of these groups are imported excrescence from Germany and Italy, but the vast majority are native cesspools of reaction.

Most menacing of all is the threat of approaching war in which the United States bids fair to fight "for democracy" and to "stop fascism" by means of the M-Day legislation which will bring fascism to this country by instituting a military dictatorship the moment war is declared.

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With all these evidences that the social forces at work are moving relentlessly toward fascism, one looks in vain for the moment which can stop this tide of reaction. The working class, which has everything to lose, is busy rainbow-chasing after unattainable reforms under the leadership of the Roosevelts, the LaGuardias, the Lewises. The meager and tame May Day parades throughout the country were demonstrations of the apathy of the workers as a class towards the task of organizing their forces to avert the catastrophe which looms larger and larger.

The objective prerequisites of peace, abundance and security are right under our noses. The resources, the factories, the fields, operated by the most highly skilled working class on earth can pour forth goods like the cornucopia of the Goddess of Plenty. Yet the wave of reaction is bringing closer greater misery, greater insecurity, threatening to wipe out the progress gained through mankind's centuries of struggle.

Capitalism is in permanent crisis. It can continue to rule only by depriving the working class of its freedom of motion by breaking up its unions, by lowering wages, by increasing hours, by placing society in the straitjacket of totalitarianism.

Only a united labor movement, aware of its own interests, can resist the tide. Only the establishment of Socialism can stop it!

Workers of America, wake up! It is later than you think!

CONSCRIPTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Prime Minister Chamberlain's conscription bill breaks a British tradition which is centuries old. Never before has the British Empire found it necessary to resort to a compulsory draft in order to recruit sufficient numbers for its armed forces; volunteers could always be found willing to join. The newly-passed act calls for the military training of all youths of the ages of 20 and 21 for the next three years. This means an annual draft of approximately 300,000 young men. It will increase the number of trained soldiers by nearly a million during the period this provision is effective.

Only two weeks before Chamberlain introduced the measure, he engaged in a controversy with Anthony Eden in which the ex-Foreign Secretary urged conscription but Chamberlain expressed the fear that labor would be opposed to it. At that time Chamberlain promised that never, NEVER, NEVER would he resort to conscription in time of peace. But this politician's pledge was quickly forgotten when the moves of the Rome-Berlin axis forced Chamberlain to take steps to safeguard Britain's imperial interests. He quickly introduced his conscription bill with the annuoncement, made in anticipation of the opposition's

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THE WORLD OF TOMORROW—WAR?

IN AN interview given by Theodore T. Hayes, Assistant U. S. Commissioner to the New York World's Fair, he stated that the aim of the government exhibit was to make visitors say, "By golly, I want to join the service." The exhibit consists of scenes showing troops going into action with tanks and 75 millimeter guns. There are pictures of infantrymen with nine different types of weapons in firing position. Other scenes show the coast artillery placing a 12 inch mortar on a railway mount, anti-aircraft guns in action, a B-17 Flying Fortress being groomed for a bombing flight, and a battle at sea. A group of 600 sailors, soldiers and marines will drill each day at the Court of Peace. Mr. Hayes assured a reporter that "There is no intention on my part that any of the exhibits should seem to be aggressive."

Some other pictures, suggested by President Roosevelt at Chatauqua three years ago, might be added to the display. "I have seen war on land and sea. I have seen blood running from the wounded. I have seen men coughing out their gassed lungs. I have seen the dead in the mud. I have seen cities destroyed. I have seen two hundred limping, exhausted men come out of line—the survivors of a regiment of one thousand that went forward forty-eight hours before. I have seen children starving. I have seen the agony of mothers and wives." If his Commissioner to the World's Fair wants to show visitors what war is really like, he should put on exhibition the pictures of the wounded, the gassed, the dead, the bombed hospitals, the destroyed cities, the terrified refugees, the starving children, the hopeless mothers and wives. They might not be quite so ready to say, "By golly, I want to join the service."

Then too there are other interesting exhibits that might be shown. Such letters as the one written by Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain, to the State Department on March 5, 1917, would be quite illuminating to those naive souls who still believe we entered the last World War to "save democracy." Wrote Mr. Page:

"The financial inquiries made here reveal an international condition most alarming to the American financial and industrial outlook . . . I think that the pressure of this approaching crisis has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan Financial Agency for the British and French governments. The need is becoming too great and urgent for any private agency to meet . . .

"Perhaps our going to war is the only way in which our present pre-eminent trade position can be maintained and a panic averted . . ."

A summary of the cost of the last World War might be illuminating to the onlookers. According to the most reliable sources, the toll of that holocaust was as follows:

Dead	
Soldiers, known dead	10,000,000
Soldiers, missing	3,000,000
Civilians	13,000,000
Total Dead	26,000,000
Wounded	20,000,000
Orphaned	9,000,000
Widowed	5,000,000
Homeless	10,000,000
Famine Stricken	34,000,000
War Bill	
All Nations	$350,000,000,000
Property Loss	37,000,000,000
Loss in Production	44,000,000,000
Loss to Neutral Nations	2,000,000,000

Or a copy of the Industrial Mobilization Plan prepared by the War Department to be put into effect upon the entrance of the United States into the next war might prove quite edifying to the innocent who believe that "it can't happen here." As summarized by Rose M.

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The "New Industrial Unionist" invites you to write about labor news and labor organizational activities. Send all communications, which will be treated confidentially, to: P. O. Box No. 4, Station T, New York, N. Y.

Stein in *M-Day*, the workers may expect the following set-up when war begins:

"American Labor's part in the next war is fully outlined in the Industrial Mobilization Plan which is the result of thirteen years of study in the War Department's planning division, and which has the approval of the Secretaries of War and Navy, and of prominent industrialists. Under this Plan labor will have to either work or fight. The individual will have no choice in the matter. The classification will be determined in the first instance by actual need and in the second by from 5000 *to* 6000 *local draft boards, patterned after local election boards. Assignment to one class or another will be subject to change at any time. Thus, anyone, who for one reason or another incurs the displeasure of those in authority, might have his status changed and might be called to the front on the shortest possible notice. Those who will be assigned to work will be under the direction of a War Labor Administration whose director will be 'a prominent industrialist.' Labor policies will be formulated by the labor division within the War Industries Administration made up essentially of the same personnel as the War Policies Board of* 1918. *The only representation allowed labor under this Plan is in the Advisory Council which in composition and in duties assigned to it resembles the peacetime company union."*

By all means, the World's Fair visitors should see these exhibits. Their faith in the good motives of the politicians and those whom they serve, the financial and industrial interests, would be rudely shaken. Their acceptance of the false slogans of the war-mongers might not be quite as enthusiastic as before. And if the realization came home to them that wars benefit only the capitalist class and its retainers, while the masses who act as cannon fodder reap only death and further degradation, the visitors might go home from the Fair determined to do their share to eliminate the vampires who grow fat on their blood. When that is accomplished the World of Tomorrow will be really be a world of Peace, Progress and Plenty. Until then the World of Tomorrow will be a grim world of fear and foreboding of misery and destruction to come.

Fascism=Law and Order. "You will never have a fascist movement until you have a disintegration caused by communism. If such disintegration appears, the forces of law and order will triumph." Earl Baldwin, speaking of the beauties of "democracy."

THE SOFT-COAL SETTLEMENT

THE six-week lockout of the soft-coal miners which affected more than 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers and which threatened to stop the industrial wheels of the nation was finally brought to an end on May 13th after President Roosevelt had been forced to intervene in the negotiations. The coal operators finally accepted the "union shop" provision which had been the main stumbling block to a settlement. The "union shop" is in effect a closed shop, and on paper it effectively bars the A.F. of L.'s Progressive Miners of America from extending its influence outside of Illinois.

On the surface it might appear that the issue involved was only another jurisdictional dispute between competing misleaders of labor, in which the rank and file had no real interest. That is how the reactionary capitalist press played up the controversy, and even some spokesmen for the workers' point of view shared their opinion. But the question of jurisdiction was decidedly only a subsidiary factor, which the coal operators sought to use to destroy unionism in the coal mines.

It must be kept in mind that the stoppage was not a strike but a *lockout!* For years, whenever the mine contract expired, an agreement was always made to extend its terms for a period of time

pending settlement of new terms. This time, however, in an attempt to force the miners to renew the old agreement which would have left the way open for the Progressive Miners to invade the soft-coal fields and undermine the U.M.W.A., the operators closed down the mines and waited for the miners to starve or surrender.

The operators hoped, after preparing the ground by compelling a renewal of the old agreement, to play off one union against the other and thus ultimately to destroy labor organization in the coal fields entirely. This particular method of destroying labor solidarity had already proven successful in the Illinois coal fields, where the wily coal barons had the two rival camps of labor bidding against each other, with a resultant breakdown of labor standards. The Illinois miners who had won a national reputation for militancy found themselves fighting each other while the operators rubbed their hands in glee.

Not to be trapped in the same way again, the United Mine Workers held out for either the "union shop" or the elimination of the penalty clause in the old agreement, which provided for penalties for illegal stoppages. However, the contract that the U.M.W.A. has obtained by no means obviates the danger confronting the miners. As they have learned to their sorrow in the past, the "sacred" contracts are only "scraps of paper" to the operators when they no longer serve the bosses' interests. And as long as the miners' ranks are divided, the operators will be on the alert to pit one faction of labor against the other for their own selfish ends, contract or no contract.

The immediate danger confronting the coal miners is the same disunion and "civil war" which is dividing the forces of the working class throughout the country. There is only one remedy for this situation and that is for the rank and file to cut through the barriers which the officialdom of both the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. have erected to prevent unity, and to establish a solid front of labor against the reactionary capitalist class on every front.

Labor unity is the cry of the hour for the coal miners as well as for the rest of labor.

ABRAHAM ZIEGLER

Danger to Whom? "We are developing a class conscious proletariat, which is dangerous."—Editor William A. White to the Society of Newspaper Editors.

BRITAIN "SOLVES" THE JEWISH QUESTION

The British "White Paper" with its "plan" for an Arab-dominated Palestine should surprise no one; nor should anyone believe that it will really lead to the dominance of the Arabs. The new move is merely an incident in the defense of British imperialism in the Near East, just as the Balfour Declaration, with its promise of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, was an incident in that same defense more than 20 years ago.

Readers of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST have been told in previous issues something of the recent history of Palestine. Briefly, before the World War the Arabs were under the rule of Turkey, one of the Central Powers allied to Germany. This was unsatisfactory to Great Britain for two reasons: first, because Palestine was part of the lifeline of the Empire, necessary for communications with India and the Far East; second, because the discovery of oil in Mesopotamia (now Iraq), made the territory a choice morsel. At present Britain operate the famous pipeline carrying oil from Iraq to the ships on the Mediterranean.

In order to take the land from Turkey, the British assisted the Arabs in their fight for liberation from the Turks. They promised the Arabs their independence at the close of the World War in return for supporting the Allies. When the war was over, Britain calmly disregarded

its pledge, using as a subterfuge a magnanimous concern for the persecuted Jews, who had likewise been induced to throw worldwide support to Britain in return for the promise of a homeland in Palestine. At Versailles, Britain took a mandate from the League of Nations to rule Palestine.

The hostility of the Arabs, instead of being directed against the perfidious empire which had betrayed them, was diverted against the harassed Jews who had escaped from the frying pan of European anti-Semitism only to find themselves in the fire of Arab terrorism. The Jews too, instead of rebelling against their status as pawns in the game of British imperialism, directed their animus against the Arabs. The internal Jewish-Arab squabble gave Britain the excuse for ruling Palestine.

Red Plot No. 83,692. Compulsory health insurance is "another insidious step toward the breakdown of American democracy." — Dr. Morris Fishbein, American Medical Association spokesman.

In the past few years, German and Italian capitalism have taken advantage of the weakness in the armor of Britain's rule to thrust forward their own imperialist spears. Just as the British had in previous years appealed to the Arabs to join with them if they desired independence, so now the Rome-Berlin Axis has been promising independence if the Arabs would work with them. Fearful of the headway which this propaganda has been making, the British decided to steal the thunder of the fascists. The "White Paper" is a sop thrown to the Arabs to entice them away from the Axis powers.

This is not the time to say "We told you so." It is not the place to argue the fallacies of Zionism. Nor would it serve any good purpose to recount bitterly how the Jews furthered the schemes of British imperialism in Palestine, sometimes consciously and sometimes unconsciously. The cold fact is that half million Jews have immigrated to Palestine, bringing with them their scanty savings, and depending for their security on the promise of Great Britain. The Arabs, misled into believing that the Jews who had no place to go except to Palestine are their enemies, and stimulated by the propaganda of Hitler and Mussolini, will now conduct their pogroms under the supervision of of the British Empire.

The Arabs, however, will not be given their independence, no more than they received it after the World War; no more than they would receive it from Hitler or Mussolini if they had followed the fascist leadership. The action of Great Britain was not taken in the interest of the Arabs nor even in opposition to the Jews. The "lifeline" and the pipeline are the main considerations that motivate the actions of the British. Between the promises of the new "White Paper" and the actual establishment of an independent Arab Palestine there may be many a slip.

If ever there was a time when the Jewish and the Arab masses should join hands in struggle against a common enemy, that time is now. Freedom is not a gift handed out by empires; the road to freedom, on the contrary, lies in the struggle of the masses against all empires and imperialists. That struggle must be conducted on a working class basis, and must have as its goal the conquest or power by the working class and the peasantry in Palestine.

The action of the British Empire, which righteously proclaims the sanctity of promises and treaties, proves the complete moral bankruptcy of capitalism.

BARNEY ROBBINS

A Crumb for Everyone. Speakers at the Greater New York Fund's annual drive for contributions, called for the maintenance of private charity as "one of the institutions of the democratic system."

A TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

AT a meeting attended by more than two thousand vocational teachers, under the auspices of the New York State Vocational Association, instructors of trade subjects were told what they were expected to do and what they were expected to tell students.

Ordinarily, a meeting of this kind would be of little or no interest to workers. Professional conferences are usually dull affairs in which inconsequential papers are read to which no one pays any attention. At the end of the conference the papers are collected, and published and then distributed to the libraries where they gather dust on the shelves.

From the first this conference promised to be different. The number of publicity releases accepted by the press indicated that something of importance was going to be said or done at the meeting. The signs were not at all deceptive. The proceedings of that conference deserve the closest attention, for the business men who addressed the teachers were not concerned with classroom techniques, IQs, or the question of how to administer a Stanford-Binet test. The underlying theme of their addresses was how the schools can help prepare the children to accept fascism.

Mr. Jones, President of the Akron Belting Corporation, lectured on "Hope or Fear?" He told the assembled teachers that the reason for the decline in the "American standard of living" was the widespread acceptance of the "ideologies of the left" which gave people the "illusion" that equality, security and economic planning could be attained. This, claimed Mr. Jones, was the "source of the principal causes of unsettlement in the United States." Teachers, he held, were in part to blame for this condition, for they had not fought adequately against "the devastating effect upon countless millions . . . [of] the illusion of equality."

Horace Liveridge, President of the Philadelphia Electric Company, declared that the teachers must fight against the doctrine that "success in business was the by-product of exploitation and anti-social conduct on the part of unscrupulous individuals." He deplored the trend towards limiting working hours. This pernicious practice, he claimed, penalized those who wanted to work (sic) more than the hours prescribed.

C. S. Coler, Director of Industrial Relations for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, told the teachers that they must help organize the nation against unemployment. He held that this would be a good "national objective" to "arouse the imagination of the whole country." Such a course was necessary, according to Mr. Coler, because "too many individuals are growing up with the idea that they can get something for nothing," a blast at the millions of unemployed who are dependent upon the capitalist government for their subsistence. If Coler's statement means anything, it is that while spilling copious tears over the plight of the jobless, he is in favor of smashing the W.P.A., home relief, and other measures by which the unemployed are enabled to maintain their existence.

This hypocritical "concern" for the unfortunate victims of the capitalist anarchy of production is very reminiscent of the story of the German refugee music teacher, who was compelled to accept a job in an institution at $25 per month. After working more than six months at this miserable wage, he went to the director of the institution with a request for a raise. The director agreed that he was worth more and that at the starvation wage he was getting, the music teacher was being terribly exploited. The pathetic story of how the refugee was endeavoring to support a wife and at the

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Pure Education, Nazi Style. "A retailer who is a master approved by the guild is entitled to beat his apprentice if this is a purely educational measure and not punishment. The apprentice is not entitled in such cases to leave his job."—from official ordinances of a German retail guild.

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same time save money to take his parents out of Germany, almost broke the director's sympathetic heart. He was so moved that he advised the music teacher to look elsewhere for a job. His plight was too much for the director; the refugee was politely fired. Within two weeks a student teacher who volunteered to serve without pay was teaching music at the institution.

To return to the conference, it should be noted that one of education's vaunted "liberal" tenets was quietly discarded, i.e., the notion that indoctrination is a prime educational sin. According to the prevailing theory the student must be presented with all sides of a question. This formulation is acceptable to most administrators and Boards of Education for it is tacitly understood that "all points of view" excludes Marxism, except as it was perverted in the standard text books.

Just as expanding capitalism can afford the luxury of political democracy and civil liberties, so its schools and colleges can permit a limited amount of free discussion in the classrooms. True, there are witch hunts and loyalty oaths, and often teachers with a "left" complexion find themselves ousted on the grounds of "ineffective work" or some other faked complaint. But despite these attempts to regiment the minds of the students by coercion of their teachers, the limited amount of academic freedom actually existing fosters the illusion that our educational system is independent of outside influences.

Now, however, as democracy and civil liberties become incompatible with the existence of capitalist society, even this fraudulent mask of "liberalism" must be lifted and the primary political function of the schools exposed to fight the "illusion of equality" and to combat the doctrine that "success in business was a by-product of exploitation." "Indoctrinate to your heart's content," say the captains of industry, to the teachers, "as long as you indoctrinate that people are born unequal, that the boss is divinely superior, that there is no exploitation, that long hours and less pay are proper and desirable, that security is an illusion, that unions are an evil, that relief should be cut, that the reds cause all the trouble, and that Socialism is an unattainable utopia."

Summarizing the results of the conference, Dr. Alexander Massell, President of the New York State Vocational Association, stated that the meeting had proven that the teachers are willing to cooperate with industry so that the schools might "help train future leaders." In the context of the conference the word "leader" is the equivalent of Fuehrer or Duce. —BARNEY ROBBINS

Uncle Sam and Jim Crow. "I must rush precipitately to the defense of the D.A.R. against the charge of un-Americanism because they barred Miss Marion Anderson from singing in their Constitutional Hall. In my opinion the decision of the D.A.R. was strictly American and backed by three centuries of tradition originally established by the founding fathers. . . . Since the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth and promptly began shooting Indians who befriended them and ousting religious dissenters . . . tolerance, justice and fair play toward the colored people have been entirely alien to the American way. . . . I assert that disrimination against Negroes is general within the territory of Uncle Sam. . . . The D. A. R. should be commended for its courage if not its diplo- I assert that discrimination against Neroes macy. . . . If they had yielded to alien ideas and opened their hall to a Negro singer and a Negro audience they would have established a decidedly- un-Washington precedent. . . . With extremely few exceptions, the publications that thundered wrathfully at the poor beldames of the D. A. R. and the mediocrities of the Washington School Board have no Negroes on their payroll except as newsboys and laborers. . ."—George Schuyler, in the Pittsburgh Courier.

I. U. P. DECLARATION ON IMPERIALIST WAR

War is an inevitable product of capitalism. Because it robs the workers of the greater portion of the wealth they have produced, capitalism finds it impossible to profitably dispose of its commodities at home. Because its markets can not absorb the fruit of its tremendous productive capacity, capitalism can not expand at home. But to expand and sell its commodities profitably are the vital necessities of capitalist production. It therefore becomes a matter of life and death for each capitalist nation to try to break the stranglehold of its own law of development by acquiring colonies to provide it with markets, raw materials and sources of investment.

But in this process of imperialist expansion each capitalist nation meets every other capitalist nation as its competitor and rival. From economic and political competition and rivalry the struggle develops under pressure of general economic decay into war—war to safeguard the profits of one set of capitalist plunderers against the other.

The world war resulted in the division of the known world among the capitalist robbers who won. Those nations which fared badly in the division of spoils, Germany, Italy and others, decayed because of their inability to comply with the elementary law of capitalism "expand or die." And to maintain their grip on society their capitalist masters instituted Fascism. Today these capitalist nations are pounding at the gates of the owners of imperialist spoils, the so-called democracies, England, France, and the United States. And both bands of plunderers to preserve their system of exploitation are preparing again to plunge the world into a blood bath—one band to preserve its stolen gains, the other to snatch a share of the spoils. Each can gain its purpose and maintain itself only at the cost of the sweat, blood and lives of the international working class.

To cover the imperialist nature of the war now brewing, the slogans of "collective security," "against fascist aggression," "For continental security," are raised. These shibboleths are as illusory as the battle cries of the world war, "Make the World Safe for Democracy," "self determination for minorities." These democratic rallying cries are merely a screen behind which to hide the real imperialist class objectives of modern war. For capitalist war today can only be waged upon a totalitarian basis. A declaration of war would be the signal for the "great democracies" to convert themselves overnight into Fascist military dictatorships.

Just as false are the slogans of "neutrality" and "isolation," with which the working class is lulled while war preparations are rushed. "Neutrality," on the part of the United States, the greatest capitalist nation of the world, is an illusion which has already been shattered by the words and the actions of the Roosevelt administration. This nation, with one of the greatest imperialist stakes in the

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Fascism versus Democracy. "In conformity with Herr Hitler's dictum, 'Export or die.' the biggest item in the 1939-1940 budget, namely, 500 million marks, is designated for the promotion of German foreign trade."—Otto Tolischus, in the *New York Times,* April 3rd.

"During the past few years, Germany has diverted from the United States much trade that has grown up. . . . Diversion and reduction of this trade was made solely to serve German interest."—Statement by Secretary of State Hull, April 3.

game, can not be neutral and see its markets invaded one by one by Japan in China and Germany and Italy in South America and elsewhere. "Isolation," for the most highly developed industrial machine in the world, which is being strangled by national boundaries is an utter impossibility in the 20th century. As long as the slogans of "neutrality," and "isolation." serve to soothe and lull the masses into a false sence of security, they were used; and behind the lullaby the greatest peace time military expansion of the nation was undertaken.

Now the time for lulling is past. The Roosevelt Administration has adopted the more brazen cries of "collective security," "against fascist aggression." Now it is only the dupes in ever retreating chorus who call for "neutrality" and "isolation." The dogs of war are in full cry.

There is left another major illusion which has its devotees in the ranks of the working class as well as among the pacifists whose hearts bleed for humanity. This takes the form of the proposed Ludlow Amendment to make our entry into war subject to approval by a national referendum unless the United States is invaded. This is a particularly vicious form of capitalist illusion. It serves to further the fairy tale that the capitalist state machinery is an impartial, democratic classless apparatus. The workers instead of carrying on a campaign of class struggle against the coming imperialist war, are taught to place their faith in the capitalist state, in the capitalist controlled electoral machinery, to prevent war. Thus are the workers disarmed and ideologically prepared for the imperialist slaughter.

The Industrial Union Party is opposed to all capitalist wars. The Industrial Union Party pledges itself to oppose such wars at all times either while in their preparatory stages or after the actual entry into war, and it pledges itself to expose the fraud, futility and illusions of the slogans which disguise the preparations for war. It pledges itself to continue under all circumstances, war or peace, to carry on the policy of the class struggle, specifically against imperialist war. It calls for the abolition of capitalism and the establishment of Socialism as the only way to banish the nightmare of war and to establish enduring peace.

Hail Pacelli, New Pope of Peace! The official Vatican newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, reports that Pope Pius XII, in one of his first official actions, carried on the traditions of his predecessor in hailing the Franco victory and declaring that the triumph of the Spanish fascists would bring "incalculable moral and political support to Europe." We trust that the Young Communist League will not forget to send its congratulations, in keeping with its recently established custom.

HEAVEN GETS THE NEWS

(*With apologies to C.E.S. Wood's "Heavenly Discourse"*)

God is seated on a cloud, his eyes half closed, about to doze off. There is a sound like a firecracker in the distance. It is followed by similar sounds of varying intensity. God sits up and rubs his eyes. Gabriel is standing close to God, biting his nails.

God: What's that noise?

Gabriel (*very agitated*): N-noise?

God: Now, Gabriel, by Myself, you hear that noise as well as I do. Are you helping Christ shield something from me? Is that disgusting planet at it again?

Gabriel (*shamefaced*): I promised I wouldn't—

God: So that's it: Bring Christ to Me. I'll show him—trying to hide things from his Father. (*Exit Gabriel, blowing his horn*).

God strokes His chin and then scratches His head. He looks good-naturedly tolerant. Gabriel returns with Christ and Satan.

Christ: Did you want to see me, Father?

God: What's happening on earth? Why wasn't I told? Why all this secrecy?

Christ: I didn't do it. It was Satan.

God: I'm getting sick of all this nonsense. Will someone please tell me what's happening on earth? Am I not the All-Knowing and Omniscient? This flies in the face of all the rules of the Universe.

Satan: I'm sorry, Sir; I thought you knew. I pulled a fast one.

God: Pulled a fast one? Really, Satan, that doesn't tell me anything.

Satan: I got those earth creatures fighting again.

God: Just as I suspected. It's hard to believe, though. I can't understand it. How did you manage it? I never thought you could do it again.

Satan: You haven't heard it all. Not only do I have them fighting again, but they're fighting for the same things again. Of course, I didn't do it all myself—there were Christ's preachers who helped. . . .

Christ: They double-crossed me.

God: Be still, Christ. I've heard that gag too many times. Go ahead, Satan, you were saying—?

Satan: I was saying that I had a lot of help from the most unexpected quarters.

God: Is the United States fighting too?

Satan: Why, of course. It was pretty hard going, but they finally fell for the same line I used the last time. You know, democracy and all that stuff.

God: But that wasn't true. They didn't fight for democracy; they only thought that's what they were struggling for.

Satan: Of course. You can't get people excited by telling them the truth.

God: How about that fellow Roosevelt? Seems to Me he said he hated war?

Satan: Really, Sir, Your Heavenly simplicity—don't you remember Wilson? They all hate war.

God: I can't understand it. The people seemed to be seeing through the messy business towards the end of the last war. There was Russia—

Satan: Oh, I fixed that all right.

God: Is that why Lenin is going around with a headache these days?

St. Peter enters, wiping his brow.

St. Peter: Listen, God, you'll have to give me some relief. There's some kind of trouble on earth and I'm being rushed to death with applications.

God: Reject them! You know my rule: No idiots allowed.

St. Peter: Really, Sir, you're mistaken. I give them all intelligence tests and most of them are pretty smart, although I can't understand why they seem to have their brains dug out, even the best of them.

Satan: I told you I fixed it.

God: You're a devil of a genius.

St. Peter: God—Jehovah—please, there's an awful big line waiting.

God: Let them wait.

Something crawls in and everyone's attention is riveted on it.

God: What's this?

Gabriel: Looks like a string of frankfurters.

St. Peter: No, no. That's one of the applicants. Hey, you, get back on line! Nobody said you could come in. (*Something crawls out.*)

God: Is that what they look like? You know we're all vegetarians here.

St. Peter: No, they all don't look like that and they're not something to eat. They're earth men.

God: Really, St. Peter, you show too much impatience. We can't have things like that around littering up the place. Suppose you select the better-looking ones. You know it would be terribly embarassing if we had visitors. I'll see if I can get someone to help you. (*St. Peter exits.*) Now Satan, how did you work it this time?

Satan: You know the earth; it's a small place, but crowded, and the whole place is owned by a few people called capital

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ists who are well-fixed, while the rest live in misery. The capitalists got to squabbling over each other's wealth. Things got pretty hot. So they told the many who live in misery that it was their problem and that if they licked the opposing capitalists the many would be better off. The many fell for it and went out to fight the battles of the few, paying little heed to those who cried that it was all a question of safeguarding the profits of the capitalists.

God: Just a repetition of the story you told me more than twenty years ago. How did you manage to renew the faith of the many in the few after the last experience?

Satan: I told you I fixed that, but there's no telling how the thing will turn out. Those miserable masses may still stop the fun. The fact is that it would have started a long time ago but they were afraid. They went mad shouting, "Peace, peace, we hate war!" while they were having the biggest armament race in their history. Finally they decided that there was no sense in making guns and not using them, so—

Christ: Father, why have I been such a failure? Why is the earth such a blot on the universe?

God: Come, come, son. It won't be for long. You see, even Satan is uncertain of where it will lead to.

Enter Marx, Engels, Lenin, De Leon, Luxemburg, Liebknecht and a host of other revolutionists.

God: Hello, comrades. I thought you had a headache, Lenin.

Lenin: We all have headaches.

Christ: Have you heard—the war?

Lenin: Before I left I told them that when war comes they—

St. Peter rushes in, breathless.

God: If you're going to tell us again about being in a jam, save your breath. I'm not sending anyone to help you, and furthermore, you can tell them all to go to hell, because that intelligence test you give is all wet. They are a bunch of idiots and according to Rule 32, paragraph G—

St. Peter: You have me all wrong. I haven't a thing to do. I just wanted to tell you—here God, take a look for Yourself.

Hands God a telescope. God peers through the telescope and seems amazed.

God: I guess I lose this time, Satan. It seems the war is over.

Christ: Let me look. (*God gives him the telescope and Christ examines the earth.*) Look at all those red flags—what'll my preachers say?

Satan faints.

God: Get him some sulphur and brimstone.

Lenin: They took our advice after all!

Marx: Now human history really begins.

Curtain

—BARNEY ROBBINS

No Matter How You Slice It Department. "We believe in the profit system because it automatically carries with it economic restraints and a definite measure of efficiency." — Gerard Swope, President of General Electric Company.

No doubt you mean the restraints that keep twelve million Americans away from jobs permanently, don't you, Mr. Swope? Or maybe you refer to the efficiency with which capitalism succeeded in using only 56 per cent. of existing capacity at the height of its glory in 1929, according to the study made by the National Survey of Potential Productive Capacity?

W.P.A. WORKERS, WAKE UP!

SINCE the 1938 elections the position of the W.P.A. workers, always insecure at best, has steadily been growing more precarious. Some 550,000 have already been fired. The Roosevelt budget, over which a great battle of words ensued in Congress, asked for a slash of $773,000,000 in the W.P.A. requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1st. This means that before the summer ends another million W.P.A. workers will be dumped on the labor market to depress

the wages of those employed in private industry. It means misery and starvation standards for the five millions who are the dependents of these W.P.A. workers.

Why has the President made this cut? If we are to take his word, he believes that industry will absorb those fired. ". . . . we are justified in expecting an upward trend in the volume of employment," the President told Congress. From whence this faith comes none can say. Even the economy-minded *New York Times* remarks editorially, "A reduction to this extent is conceivable, but there is nothing in the present situation to make it seem likely." The *New York Post,* ardent New Deal supporter, asks "On what is it based, other than hope . . . . ?"

Strange as it may seem, the W.P.A. workers are confronted with a joint attack by a united front of the New Deal with the reactionary "Economy Bloc" in Congress. The common basis between these two otherwise opposed political elements is their anxiety to serve the interests of capitalism, using the needy as their victims.

After the last election, in which the Republican Party scored sweeping gains, the reactionary congressional bloc, made bold by the results, launched a vicious attack on the W.P.A. on the ground of its alleged wastefulness. The Byrnes Bill was introduced, which aimed to eliminate this by returning the administration of relief to the states and municipalities. Its real effect, were it passed, would have been to scuttle work-relief entirely and to substitute a starvation dole for the workers now employed.

President Roosevelt opposed this move, which would have taken from the New Deal its control over the W.P.A. workers. He countered the Byrnes bill with his budget slash of more than three-quarters of a billion, hoping to appease the industrialists and financiers. This set the stage for a terrific sham battle between the President and Congress in which Roosevelt played the role of champion of the W.P.A. against the cruel and heartless Congress which was working to destroy it. Upon receiving the President's budget, the Economy Bloc immediately proceeded to slash $150,000,000 more from the W.P.A. appropriation and passed the budget in that form.

Roosevelt, after raising a hue and cry about the horrible effects of this latest slash, signed the budget but immediately sent a special message to Congress demanding the restoration of the $150,000,000. Thus the W.P.A. workers, aroused by the battle over the relatively minor cuts of the Republican politicians, completely overlooked the Presidents' major contributions to their miseries. The sum total of Roosevelt's humanitarianism and his friendship for the W.P.A. will be expressed in the forcible removal from the W.P.A. rolls of more than 1,400,000 workers.

This is not the first time that the "great humanitarian" has acted thus. During his campaign for re-election in 1936, Roosevelt pledged himself to continue the W.P.A. No sooner was the election concluded however, than large scale cuts were instituted on all projects By July, 1937, some 2,000,000 W.P.A. workers, or over 50 per cent, had been fired. This widespread curtailment of government "pump priming" precipitated the so-called "Roosevelt recession' in the fall of 1937. Thoroughly frightened, the administration began to rebuild the W.P.A. in the winter of 1938 to avert complete economic collapse and chaos. Having again achieved what seems to him to be a semblance of stabil ity, Roosevelt is now sacrificing the W.P.A. workers once more to the cry of big business for economy.

Now that they are feeling the effects of the United Front between the Roosevelt New Deal and the Republican Economy Bloc, the W.P.A. workers are confronted with a situation which calls for clear and straightforward thinking. Once

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and for all they must realize that no capitalist Moses is going to lead them out of the wilderness of unemployment. No politician can solve the problem because as long as the capitalist system lasts its economic laws decree that more and more workers will be displaced from industry.

On the other hand, even when it comes to paying out relief to the unemployed, the inevitable tendency as budgets mount and revenues decrease, is for the politicians to cut more and more the subsistence standards of those unfortunate enough to be dependent upon the state for the means of life. As capitalism comes nearer to bankruptcy the economy criers and relief cutters grow more vociferous and powerful. Even those who, like President Roosevelt, masquerade as friends of the unemployed, are forced to do their share of cutting.

The unemployed can look only to themselves and to their fellow employed workers for aid in waging their struggle for existence. However, to be productive, this struggle must be carried on on a militant, independent, class conscious basis. The boldness of the capitalist class and its politicians in attacking relief standards is in a great measure due to the supineness of the unemployed and their organizations. When the recent Congressional committee investigating the W.P.A. questioned the leaders of the Workers Alliance, the ex-socialist Party member David Lasser and the Stalinist Herbert Benjamin, they found two quite harmless specimens, who did not favor strikes or sit-downs or militant action as weapons for the unemployed to use in settling grievances. Colonel Harrington, W.P.A. administrator, testified that he was quite pleased with the gentlemanly qualities of the Workers Alliance and its leadership.

The Stalinist controlled Workers Alliance by its passivity, by its support of the New Deal, by its refusal to lead the unemployed in a struggle for their real needs, has virtually assured Roosevelt and Congress that it is willing to sit still while the budget is slashed where it will hurt the unemployed most. If the watchdogs of capitalism knew that they could get away with nothing, that any attempt to reduce the inadequate funds for the unemployed would bring immediate and widespread protests and demonstrations; if the leaders of the unemployed had said to the inquisitors at Washington, "Yes, we are Socialists; we know that capitalism will never again employ the millions of workers who are jobless today. We are the spokesmen for an army of outcasts which capitalism has thrown on the scrap heap. We know that you gentlemen are concerned only with the preservation of your profit system. We are fighting for relief because we must live today, but we are marching forward to a better world where there will be no relief, no unemployed, no poverty and no insecurity." If they had raised their voices against the whole corrupt system instead of uttering mealy-mouthed phrases about "democracy" and "Americanism"—then the economy seekers and the recovery chasers would have thought twice before cutting relief.

W.P.A. and unemployed workers: Before it is too late, break with capitalism and its supporters! Drive out of your ranks the agents of the capitalist class! Organize your forces on working class lines and carry on a determined struggle against capitalism's attempt to drive relief standards to coolie levels!

GOD SAVE THE KING!

God save the king!
Let the trumpets blare,
Ostensibly for pomp,
But let them blare
More loud, and louder still
Lest the foul voice
Out of the throat of hunger
Rise to audibility.

God save the king!
Pour out the tinsel,
Ostensibly for pomp,
But pour it out
Till the streets fill up,
Higher, higher still with its gaud
Lest the rags of the multitude
Realize their power
Of eloquence.

—Ceasar Booth

EDITORIALS

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recalling his own position of two weeks before, that in view of "precarious conditions" the welfare of England was being decided by his bill and that it would be criminal for anyone to protest it.

The only Parliamentary opposition to conscription was voiced by the the British Labor Party, which had weakened its position by its previous calls upon Chamberlain to take a "firmer" stand against any threats to the Empire from Germany and Italy. The Labor Party has been declaring to the capitalist class of Great Britain right along that "Chamberlain has not been protecting your property adequately. Let us do the job for you. We are better watchdogs than Chamberlain." The Labor Party has been complaining of Chamberlain's appeasement policy and his inefficient organization of the war machine. Now, when the Prime Minister indicates that his dilly-dallying is over and that he is going to take its advice, the Labor Party's leaders object to conscription because they are convinced that they could inspire the British workers to volunteer to murder and be murdered for imperialism without compulsion.

Leon Blum, leading figure in the French Socialist Party, which is just as social-patriotic as its English counterpart, completely exposed the falseness of the Labor Party's opposition in his comments in *Le Populaire*, the Party's newspaper, when he wrote:

"Our labor friends have accused the government and are still accusing it of weakness towards the dictators and of a lack of determination in building up a system of collective security. So surely Labor is not isolationist or 'pacifist' in the derogatory sense of the word. The contrary is true; therefore it cannot be denied that whatever the practical drawbacks of conscription the acceptance of the principle of conscription and its progressive application will enable the British Government to act with a greatly increased energy and effectiveness.

"I am therefore struck, and so is the whole of French opinion, by what seems an inexplicable contradiction between the Labor Party's attitude to conscription and its attitude to the Government. I am profoundly convinced that British conscription is a move of capital importance."

If the official "Labor" opposition to Chamberlain's conscription is hollow, there is an unheard opposition that is powerful. By its promulgation of a conscription law the Government tacitly admits that there is so little popular support for the coming war that the British Empire must compel its youth to take military training, where propaganda sufficed in the past. The masses are evidently in no mood to become cannon fodder for imperialism. That such reluctance exists is corroborated by a Gallup poll in Great Britain which found 6 out of every 10 Britishers opposed to the draft. The first World War has left an indelible impression on the workers and it is well understood that Great Britain goes to war for nothing but the profits of its capitalists.

If the British capitalist class thought that the Labor Party could really inspire the working class to take up arms willingly for them, they would be quite content to turn over the reins of government to a Labor Prime Minister. The fact is, that whether a Tory, a Liberal or a Labor Ministry heads the government the workers of Great Britain will not of their own accord go to the recruiting station. Chamberlain is herding them there just as Atlee would have to do if he were Prime Minister.

What forms will this present lack of enthusiasm take when a few aerial bombardments have left their harvest of corpses in London? For that matter, we might as well ask what will the workers in Paris, Berlin and Rome do after the bombs begin to drop? That question is the key to what is inwardly disturbing

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Right the First Time. "When Jim looked run down, I blamed his boss, but the trouble was really his breakfast."—from an ad for Shredded Ralston. Sumpin he 'et, no doubt.

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every defender of capitalism. Their doubt as to the answer explains the large crop of bourgeois pacifists which have arisen; it explains also the appeasement policies carried on by Chamberlain until recently.

Over ninety years ago Karl Marx wrote in the opening sentence of the *Communist Manifesto,* "A spectre is haunting Europe —the spectre of Communism." That is what Chamberlain fears more than he does the opposition of the British Labor Party.

PARTY NOTES

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I. U. P. is indeed the spearhead of the proletarian revolution in America.

CHICAGO

Although Chicago is the youngest and the smallest unit in the I. U. P., it is second to none in "live wire" activity. These comrades have the welfare of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST close at heart. They realize the truth of the dictum that "the party press is the best organizer" and they are determined to do their part in building up a strong and powerful press. At the National Convention the Chicago comrades pledged $50. to the Joint Publication Fund. Like the rest of the membership, these comrades received the May issue of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST in its new format with great enthusiasm. They expressed their appreciation in a very practical manner by giving a house party with one subscription as the price of admission for non-subscribers. As a result twelve new subs were secured. One of the features of this party was the singing of the "Internationale" in four different languages.

The comrades are entering with zest into the current subscription drive and promise to make a better showing, member for member, than any Branch in the party. Chicago takes a bundle order of 100 copies monthly, which it had no difficulty in disposing of at the various labor rallies held in Chicago. Already a number of interested workers have been contacted and plans are being laid for a study class in the early fall.

With our major organizational problems cleared up, our membership is again getting down to serious work to spread the message of Socialism to every corner of the land. Capitalism is drifting closer and closer to the brink of catastrophe and the workers must be ready to act when the crisis comes, lest they be submerged in the horrors of fascism. The need to agitate, educate and organize was never greater than now. Every comrade must do his part!

ABRAHAM ZIEGLER
Provisional National Secretary.

. . . SEEING RED . . .

Tube, or Not Tube, That Is the Question: Dr. Jewitt is the head of the Bell Telephone Laboratories. In 1923, a radio tube was invented in these laboratories which could last a lifetime. The average tube on the market today can be used about 50 hours. When asked by the Senate Monopoly Committee why the lifetime tube had not been put on the market by the Bell Telephone Company, he answered, "It isn't commercially to their advantage." He explained that only a few big corporations were using the tube in their own work.

In the meantime, The Bell Telephone System goes blithely along, boasting of its "constant, never-ending search for ways . . . to provide the most service . . . at the lowest possible cost."

The History of Bolshevism (slightly revised: ". . . these gentry (Trotskyist and Bucharinist leaders) were in the service of foreign espionage organizations and carried on conspiratorial activities from the first days of the October Revolution."—Joseph Stalin, in his report to the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

I. U. P. Resolution on Socialist Industrial Unionism

WHEREAS, capitalism divides society into two basic classes, the working class and the capitalist class, and

WHEREAS, the propertyless working class produces all the wealth of society but receives in wages only a small portion of its product, and

WHEREAS, the capitalist class, by virtue of its ownership of the means of production, exploits the working class and robs it of the major portion of its product, and

WHEREAS, between these classes there rages an irreconcilable conflict based on the struggle for the division of wealth produced by the working class, and

WHEREAS, as long as capitalism lasts, the working class is doomed to greater impoverishment, and

WHEREAS, the degeneration of capitalism leads to greater unemployment, insecurity, Fascism and imperialist war, and threatens to destroy civilization, and

WHEREAS, the means of producing an abundance exist in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the private ownership of these means, and the capitalist political state, are the only obstacles to the realization of this abundance, and

WHEREAS, the abolition of the private ownership of the means of production and the institution of Socialism can establish the basis for peace, plenty, security and the advancement of civilization, and

WHEREAS, it is only through the struggle of the working class against the capitalist class that capitalism can be abolished and replaced by Socialism, and

WHEREAS, while the existing unions play a role in warding off the never-ceasing encroachments of the capitalist class on working class standards, they are nevertheless inadequate to cope with the basic problem of capitalist exploitation and the progressive impoverishment and degradation of the working class, and

WHEREAS, unless the existing unions are transformed into revolutionary class conscious organs of the working class, they are ultimately doomed to destruction in the same manner as the Italian and German trades unions, and

WHEREAS, the basic power in society is economic, and

WHEREAS, because of their control and operation of the means of production and distribution, the workers are in a position to equip themselves with an invincible power by consciously organizing and directing their control and operation of industry, and

WHEREAS, the working class, in order to abolish capitalism, must organize a vanguard political party, and

WHEREAS, the social revolution in the United States will abolish class distinctions and with the abolition of classes the need for a coercive political state power, and

WHEREAS, the Socialist society will be organized upon the basis of industrial constituencies, with the union as the government, Be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Industrial Union Party calls upon the organized workers to repudiate the capitalist political philosophy of their present leadership and to recast their economic organizations into Socialist Industrial Unions, and Be it further

RESOLVED, that the Industrial Union Party calls upon the unorganized workers to take the first step in emancipating themselves from intolerable capitalist exploitation by joining the union of their industry or trade, and Be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon the workers to join the ranks of the Industrial Union Party to work for the abolition of capitalism.

$500 JOINT PUBLICATION FUND

Contributions to this important Fund have come in at a satisfactory rate. The total on hand to date being $110.50. Additional pledges have been received which makes the total amount pledged close to $250.00, the halfway mark in our campaign. Comrades who have pledged are urged to pay up their pledges, others are urged to send in their contributions or pledges without delay.

The vital organizational importance of this fund can not be overstressed. Not only does it assure the continued regular appearance of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST but it is the financial reservoir which will supply the necessary funds to print a series of leaflets on current topics which will be badly needed during the current summer campaign.

Comrades, lets go over the top! $389.50 to go!

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250 ADDITIONAL SUBS IN 30 DAYS

The business manager has received a number of letters enthusiastically commending the new format of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST. Since no complaints have been received (to date) we take it that the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST is well on the road to becoming the kind of paper that our membership and our friends want. The Editorial Board is hard at work continuing its efforts to improve both the appearance and contents of the paper.

However the best efforts of the Editorial Board will have been in vain, unless we, the membership and our friends among the readers of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST, roll up our sleeves and build up the circulation of the NEW INDUSTRIAL UNIONIST. What is needed, is subscriptions and *more* subscriptions. Subs have been coming in and from all sections of the country, but much too slowly for these piping times. To start the ball rolling we are announcing a national 30 day subscription drive, commencing June 1st and ending July 1st, with a modest goal of 250 additional subs. Quotas for this drive have already been assigned to the branches and members. We cordially invite our readers and friends to join in this drive. Subscriptions at the low rate of 50c per year and 25c for 6 months, are within the reach of all workers and should not be difficult to obtain.

The attainment of a goal of 250 subs by July 1st should prove an easy organizational task. All that is necessary for its achievement is the active cooperation of the Branches and the membership.

All together comrades! 250 subs by July 1st!